Proposal to Review the Law on Contempt of Court

*204. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to review the law on Contempt of Court and bring out suitable amendment to it is under consideration of Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (c) Various provisions of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971 were reviewed by the Government in pursuance of the suggestion of the P.C. Jain Commission set up by the Government to review the Administrative Laws and it was decided not to amend the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971 for the present.

Production of Programmes for Doordarshan Kendras

†*205. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Prasar Bharati provides funds to various Doordarshan Kendras in the country for production of programmes at local level;

(b) if so, whether such funds are being utilised properly by the Doordarshan Kendras; and

(c) if so, the number of hours for which the programmes have been produced and the money spent on these programmes by Doordarshan Kendras located in the States of Bihar and Jharkhand during the last three years, year-wise?

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The details are given below:—

KENDRA	YEARS	DURATION OF PROGRAMME (In hrs.)	AMOUNT SPENT (Rs. In Lakhs)
PATNA	1998-99	240	34.80
	1999-00	240	44.78
	2000-01	240	36.97
MUZAFFARPUR	1998-99	109.30	05.71
	1999-00	96.30	08.00
	2000-01	113	09.99
RANCHI	1998-99	293	12.40
	1999-00	293	09.80
	2000-01	252	09.19
DALTONGANJ	1998-99	90	06.51
	1999-00	25	05.41
	2000-01	116	05.41

Mental Health Programme

†*206. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to extend the Mental Health Programme to rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of amount proposed to be allocated therefor during Tenth Five Year Plan, State-wise?

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